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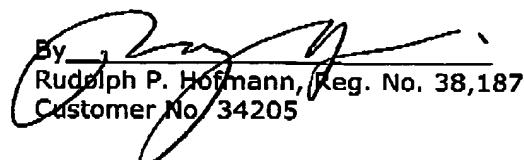
This is in response to the Office Action mailed on January 10, 2006. Claims 1, 4-11, 13-16, 19-32, 35, and 36 are pending in the application. Claims 19-32 were withdrawn, and the remaining claims, claims 1, 4-11, 13-16, 35 and 36, have been allowed. With this response, the withdrawn claims, claims 19-32, are canceled.

In the Office Action, claims 1, 4-11, 13-16, 35, and 36 were indicated allowable over the prior art of record. The application is in condition for allowance except for the formal matter regarding the presence of claims 19-32 previously withdrawn from prosecution as directed to non-elected inventions. Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle. With this response, Applicants have cancelled the withdrawn claims. Applicants submit that all formal matters have been addressed and respectfully request a Notice of Allowance from the Patent Office.

In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (612) 607-7340.

If any fees are due in connection with the filing of this paper, then the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees including fees for any extension of time, to Deposit Account No. 50-1901 (Reference 9028-322).

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